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04/29/2011 09:07 AM

To Lisa R Hanson, Lauren Henderson, Christopher K Kirby,
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cc Scott Downey, Chad Schulze, Linda Liu, Jaspal M Khokhar

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Subject Fwd: News from Day Owen

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "DAUGHERTY Peter" <peter.daugherty@state.or.us>

Date: April 29, 2011 7:42:38 AM PDT

To: Dale Mitchel <dmitchel@oda.state.or.us>

Subject: RE: News from Day Owen

Dale,

I have attached two slides from Dr. Barr's presentation that are related to the urine test discussed below. After the presentation, I can send you the complete presentation if you are interested. Note that the graph does not have units on the y-axis. Based on usual units and my limited knowledge of exposure, I expect that the units are $\mu\text{g/l}$ (PPB). It seems that the reported levels are fairly high. Any feedback would be useful.

Thanks, Peter

From: Dale Mitchel [<mailto:dmitchel@oda.state.or.us>]

Sent: Thursday, April 28, 2011 4:54 PM

To: Christopher K Kirby; Lisa R Hanson; Lauren Henderson

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Follow up e-mail from Scott Downey, EPA Region 10 Seattle.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Downey.Scott@epamail.epa.gov

Date: April 28, 2011 12:23:16 PM PDT

To: MITCHELL Dale L <dale.l.mitchell@state.or.us>, ckirby@oda.state.or.us

Subject: Fw: Huge News from Day Owen

a follow-up from Mr. Owen ...

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Date: 04/27/2011 01:02 PM  
Subject: Re: Huge News from Day Owen

Thanks, Jill. Dr Barr will be announcing her findings at an Oregon Board of Forestry meeting this Friday, April 29, by powerpoint presentation from Emory in Atlanta. Her powerpoint will be available to you within days.

Yesterday she told me the following: While nearly 100% of our 23 urine samples are positive for 2,4-D, nationally only 2 to 5% of the population test positive for 2,4-D.

Also, she said that not only did those of us who went in for second samples after Spring sprays occurred, had not just a spike in our Atrazine levels compared to our Winter levels, but that the spikes were: "surprisingly high".

I know that EPA will be considering the registration status of Atrazine in May. Perhaps this study should be considered pertinent not only to our petition but also to the Atrazine registration.

I will keep you posted.

Also: This type of testing only occurred because Dr Barr was willing to do the lab work pro bono. But on our end we had to pay several thousand dollars in costs to have the samples taken and mailed on dry ice. Would it be possible for EPA or CDC to pay for a follow up similar test that would specifically test urine samples of 10 to 20 students at Triangle Lake School? Compared to big expensive studies, that few thousand dollars would be a drop in the bucket for you folks. I am sure that virtually 100% of the children would test positive, as the school is

completely surrounded by a 55 acre clear cut and many other nearby clearcuts, not to mention that there homes are also near clearcuts. That test might loosen up the purse strings for the larger study.

As recently as one week ago a whole bunch of kids at the school got sore throats after an aerial spray up above Triangle Lake. One boy went to the emergency room at the hospital. Of course, school officials did not put two and two together and link it to the spraying!

A month before that spray, a ground spray of a particularly strong herbicide was applied sixty feet from open class room windows and (b) (6)

Besides taking urine samples from 10 to 20 volunteer school kids, we would like the well that supplies the drinking fountains at the school tested. I am certain it will test positive for a variety of herbicides. Can the EPA do this for us as part of its investigation into the merits of our petition? Thanks, Day Owen

NOTE: (b) (6)

In a message dated 4/27/2011 8:20:12 A.M. Pacific Daylight Time, [Bloom.Jill@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:Bloom.Jill@epamail.epa.gov) writes:  
Dear Mr. Owens,

Thanks for your note. This is interesting information. Any idea when Dr. Barr's data will be available? The team would definitely like to take a look. Your petition is still under consideration here, but there has been little movement these last several months. It has not slipped off our radar and we do plan to pursue it further.

Jill Bloom